

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Richard Kohn <richardakohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 12:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Council Bill 30-2017

Dear Councilman Ball:

Please vote YES on Council Bill 30. The residents of the county have already spoken. We want fairer elections and any way to dilute some of the business influences would be welcomed.

Rick Kohn  
Columbia, MD

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Kim Rutter <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 7:48 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 21, 2017

Howard County County Council  
MD

Dear County Council,

Greg,

I am writing to ask that the Council move quickly to finalize the recently approved Citizens' Election Fund. As has become apparent over the last few election cycles at the national level, political funding by corporations, wealthy individuals, and other moneyed interests has diluted the voice, and therefore the choice, of hundreds of voters. Even at the local level here in Howard County, business donations have amplified unfairly the voice of a handful of citizens at the expense of the average Joe.

Please consider the suggestions others have made about how to structure the Fund, for example, that it:

- (i) be available only to candidates who reject donations from corporations, unions, and PACs;
- (ii) that it encourage candidates to fundraise from Howard County residents by providing limited matching funds for small donations from County residents; and that it
- (iii) establish an independent commission to make funding and policy recommendations to the Council.

If we can't fix the national system, we can certainly fix our own.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Rutter  
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Woodbine, MD 21797-7509  
(443) 931-7662

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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Michael Tennor <Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 8:17 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 20, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

Thank you for sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize a program that will:

Only be available to candidates who reject large donations and donations from corporations, unions, and PACs.  
Encourage candidates to fundraise from Howard County residents by providing limited matching funds for small donations from County residents.

Establish an independent commission to make funding and policy recommendations to the Council.

Thank you for making Howard County a leader in fixing our country's broken campaign finance system.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Tennor  
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(443) 226-1764

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**From:** Roberta Shipp <jslabsrule2@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Please vote YES for CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund program, sponsored by Councilmembers Jon Weinstein and Jen Terrasa.

Howard County voters passed Question A, and we're counting on you to finalize the program to expand opportunities to run for office, encourage participation in Howard County elections, reduce the role of large and corporate donors, and lead the state and country in fixing our broken campaign finance system. Thanks Jen and keep up the great work!

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Roberta Shipp  
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**From:** Anna Farb <anna.r.farb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 6:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Please vote YES for CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund program, sponsored by Councilmembers Jon Weinstein and Jen Terrasa.

Howard County voters passed Question A, and we're counting on you to finalize the program to expand opportunities to run for office, encourage participation in Howard County elections, reduce the role of large and corporate donors, and lead the state and country in fixing our broken campaign finance system.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. I hope this program will empower voters and give a greater amount of qualified citizens a chance to serve in government.

Anna Farb  
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**From:** Anna Farb <anna.r.farb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 6:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund!

Dear Councilmember,

Please vote YES for CB30 for the Citizens' Election Fund program, sponsored by Councilmembers Jon Weinstein and Jen Terrasa.

Howard County voters passed Question A, and we're counting on you to finalize the program to expand opportunities to run for office, encourage participation in Howard County elections, reduce the role of large and corporate donors, and lead the state and country in fixing our broken campaign finance system.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. I hope this program will empower voters and give more qualified citizens a chance to serve in government.

Anna Farb  
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**From:** Common Cause Maryland <Maryland@commoncause.org> on behalf of Frances Lappe  
<Maryland@commoncause.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass the Citizens' Election Fund!

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Apr 20, 2017

Howard County County Coucil  
MD

Dear County Coucil,

Thank you for being a leader in the nation and sending the Citizens' Election Fund to the ballot. Now that it has passed, please move quickly to finalize a program that will:  
Only be available to candidates who reject large donations and donations from corporations, unions, and PACs.  
Encourage candidates to fundraise from Howard County residents by providing limited matching funds for small donations from County residents.  
Establish an independent commission to make funding and policy recommendations to the Council.

I honor you for taking action. Thank you for making Howard County a leader in fixing our country's broken campaign finance system.

Sincerely,

Ms. Frances Lappe  
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